

## Welcome to the Xenozoic!



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**W**ord of the meteor's impact, and the strange vault it unearthed, eventually sifted into the *City in the Sea*. I was assigned by the council to assemble a field unit to investigate.



The governors' policy has always been to keep the tribe's contact with pre-cataclysmic technology to a minimum, at least until an evaluation can be made. News of this discovery and of my expedition was accordingly downplayed.

Some persons, however, are not so easily deterred.





What my team and I found was a multi-chambered vault of mid-20th century design. Apparently hermetic, and undamaged until impacted, it lay under 15 feet of bedrock. The outermost portal had been ruptured.

The meteorite had disintegrated upon impact.







**5**0, as she was obviously not going to just go away, and as her reputation prevented any of us from trying to forcibly remove her, I decided to put the Wassoon's knowledge to good use.

The next day we forced open the inner portal.



But even as we broke into that inner sanctum, trouble was creeping up on us. The last man in the world I wanted sticking his nose in our operation was on his way...



In the center of the chamber we found a cache. Its integrity had not been disrupted.























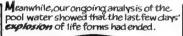


The fool quand at the north post had fallen asleep and let his fires burn out...

Eager for a chance to get to the watering hole, the cutters had made short work of him.



Jack traced the pack's spoor until he was satisfied none of the slithers had made it to the water.



We theorized we would see no further evolutionary development until conditions in the rool changed.





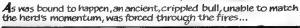


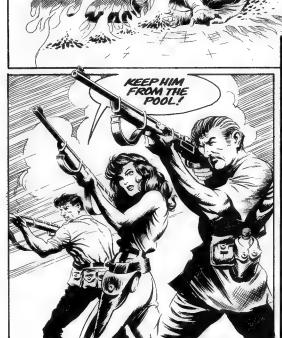
I THINK WE CAN SURMISE THAT
THE ORGANIC MATTER FROM THE VAULT
HAS IN THE VERY LEAST SERVED AS
A CATALYST... AN EVOLUTIONARY
ACCELERATOR...



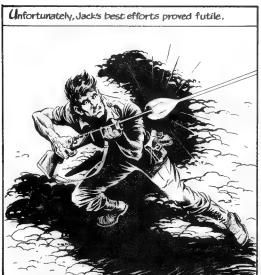


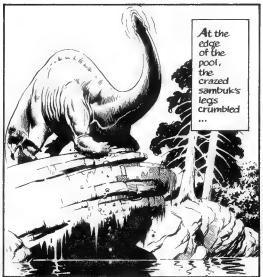




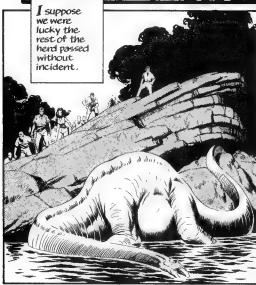


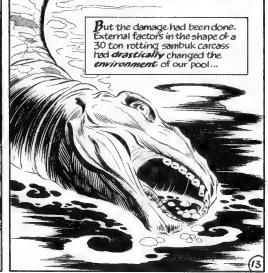








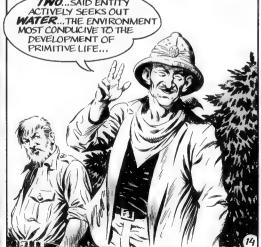
















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Who can explain what happened next? Maybe the fuel disturbed some **nest** in the choking vegetation...

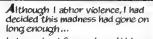






Hannah doused the torch and the attack on Tenrec ceased...





! stepped out from where I'd been hiding and ...



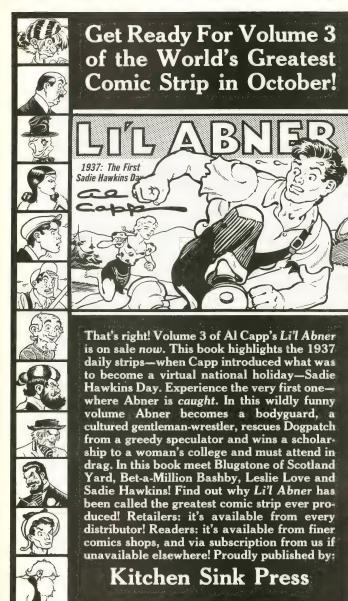


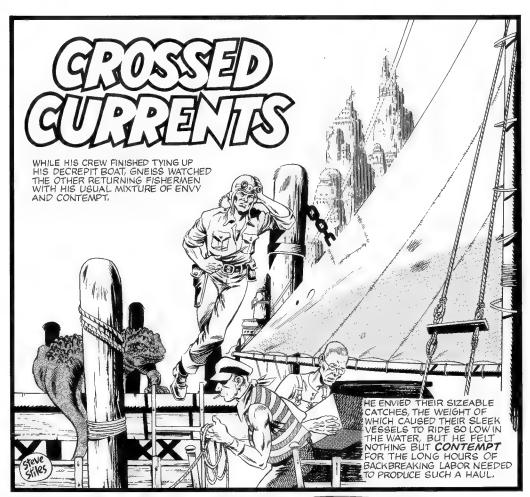


There are two major awards
voted by professionals
in the comic book industry.
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These two artists were chosen
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achievements in graphic artistry
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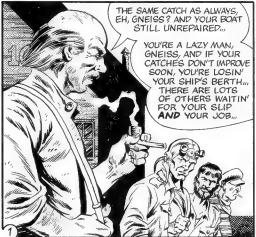
One company publishes them both.







THE HARBORMASTER APPROACHED GNEISS AND HIS CREW AS THEY WERE LEAVING...



DON'T COUNT ME OUT YET, YOU SELF-RIGHTEOUS OLD CHUM BUCKET!

MAYBE YOU'LL BE SEEIN'
SOME BIG CATCHES FROM ME
SOONER THAN YOU THINK,
MAYBE THE BIGGEST HAUL
YOU'VE **EVER** SEEN!



















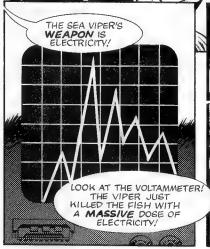














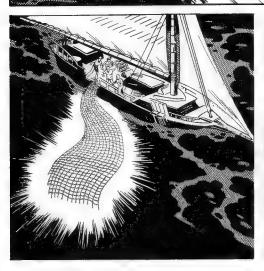




















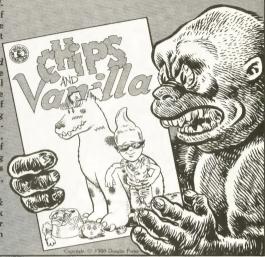


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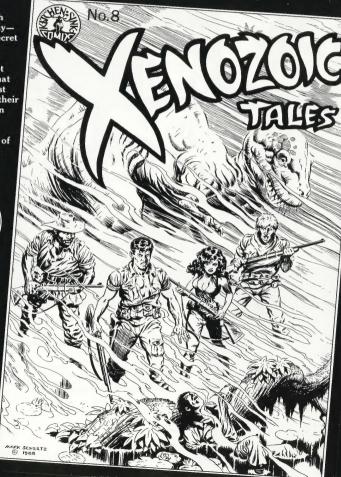
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I'll see you in my dreams!

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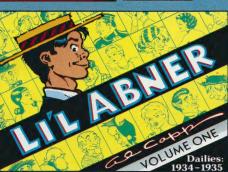
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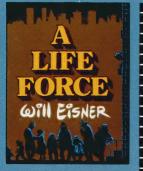
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